IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

GLORIA HERNANDEZ,

Plaintiff. 8:16CV523

VS.

ORDER

F & F PROPERTIES, LLC, and XHEVDET GASHI,

Defendants.

On April 14, 2017, F&F Properties, LLC ("F&F") filed a "Third-Party Complaint" against Defendant Xhevdet Gashi. (Filing No. 27.) On April 18, 2017, this Court struck the Third-Party Complaint because (1) a Third-Party Complaint can only be filed against a *nonparty* to the suit under Fed. R. Civ. P. 14, (2) F&F has not filed an answer and (3) F&F did not seek leave to file the Third-Party Complaint. (Filing No. 30.)

F&F has now filed a motion seeking leave to file a third-party complaint. (<u>Filing Nos. 32</u>, <u>33</u>.) F&F again seeks to file a third-party complaint against Xhevdet Gashi. However, as F&F was previously informed, Xhevdet Gashi is already a named defendant in this suit and, therefore, a third-party complaint is improper under <u>Fed. R. Civ. P. 14</u>. In addition, F&F has still not filed an answer.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that F&F's Motion and Amended Motion for Leave to File Third-Party Complaint (Filing Nos. 32, 33) are denied.

Dated this 20th day of April, 2017.

BY THE COURT:

s/ Susan M. Bazis United States Magistrate Judge